



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
1100 4th Street SW; Suite 500
Washington, DC 20024

Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2026

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The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 11:01 a.m. This meeting was held virtually.

Attendance

Board Members:	Mr. Michael Jelen, Chairman, Mr. Dan Hanlon, Vice Chairman, Mr. Michael McKenna, Mr. Roland Carter
Absent:	Dr. Sam Wilson
Board Staff:	Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Mr. Demetrius Norman, Chief, Customer Experience Officer \, Ms. Kiyana Rayfield, Paralegal Specialist
Legal Counsel:	Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq.
Public Guest:	Ms. Melissa Cannata, AMBER Book, Ms. Destiny Givens, Ms. Kimberly Brown, BEGA, Mr. Mark Lagana, Land Surveyor, Department of Buildings, Mr. Vincent Costrano, Land Surveyor, Department of Buildings, Mr. Cole Edmonds

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. Carter the Board voted to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Application Approvals

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the Board voted to approve the Administrative Approval Applications list for April 23, 2026, attached hereto and made a part of April 23, 2026 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Legislative/Rulemaking /Sub Committee Updates

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted to approved he proposed rulemaking, with the amended language, for expanding Pathways for Licensure to accept accredited ETAC and ABET degrees. This document will be sent to the Legislative Affairs Team for the next steps.

There were no new updates on the United Kingdom Mutual Recognition Agreement since the March meeting.

Mr. Jelen shared the Crosswalk Spreadsheet previously shared in the November 2025 Subcommittee Meeting. This document shows area where there are discrepancies between the DC Codes, the Board’s Rules, the Board’s website and the NCEES Model Rules and developing a plan to reconcile the inconsistencies. Regarding Digital Seals, additional follow up with the Department of Buildings is required to see if they are verifying digital signatures in accordance with how the Board’s Rules are currently written.

Education

Positive feedback was received regarding April 6th Education Forum. Mr. Jelen requested to have the Ethics Training put in a separate certificate for Licensees to provide this documentation to other jurisdictions. The Board will begin discussion/planning for the 2027 Education Forum during the next subcommittee meeting in June. Mr. Hanlon and Mr. Jelen will attend the Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture next subcommittee meeting to discuss a possible joint Education Forum to provide information on Implications of AI in the Design Practice. The subcommittee meeting will be held on May 5th at 2pm.

Mr. Cyrus completed the Board’s Audit. Ms. Pearson will be sending out the results of the Audit to the Board for review.

Agenda Item: Old Business

The Board was reminded to submit all articles for the newsletter to Ms. Kathy Thomas (Kathy.Thomas@dc.gov).

Agenda Item: New Business

Mr. Norman sent out reminders for the upcoming Board Training scheduled for April 24th from 10am-12noon. This will be hybrid training. Board Members were encouraged to contact Mr. Norman if they plan to attend in person.

Agenda Item: Executive Session – (Closed to the Public)

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna the Board entered the Executive Session at 11:51a to discuss complaints, legal matters, and applications pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (9) and (13).

Upon motion, duly made by Dr. Mr. Hanlon and properly seconded by Mr. McKenna, the Board returned to public session at 11:59a.

Agenda Item: Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Hanlon the Board voted to defer the 1111-1113 V Street investigation until all documentation has been received from the Department of Buildings.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. McKenna and properly seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:03pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled June 25, 2026 @ 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jelen, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator